



**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council convened in regular session in Government Center Chambers at 6:02 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present	
Jamie Mathy	Council Member, Ward 1	Present	
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present	
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present	
Julie Emig	Council Member, Ward 4	Present	
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present	
De Urban	Council Member, Ward 6	Present	
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Council Member, Ward 8	Present	
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present	

Recognition/Appointments

A. Employee Remembrance

Mayor Mwilambwe recognized Tom Dittmer, former City of Bloomington SOAR Recreation Instructor, who passed away in 2021. City Manager, Tim Gleason, recognized Mr. Dittmer for his work at the City of Bloomington. Patricia Dittmer, Mr. Dittmer's widow, came forward to address Council. She thanked the City for the recognition and reflected on his time with the City.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a statement of procedure for public comment aloud. David Kobus and Cathy Ethington had emailed public comment prior to the meeting and Scott Stimeling and Gary Lambert provided in-person public comment.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Urban, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk informed the community that an updated contract for Item 7.G. had been provided to Council prior to the start of the meeting. She clarified that the changes were only applicable to the terms included and did not result in a change in value.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$6,043,622.82, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve the Purchase of one (1) John Deere 5100M Tractor and (1) Tiger mower package (2 mower decks) from Martin Sullivan of Lexington, IL utilizing the Sourcewell contract #110719-JDC (exp. 12/30/2023) in the amount of \$101,010.79, and authorization to trade-in the surplus mower unit, PR62 (value of \$20,000), as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase and Trade-in be approved.)

Item 7.D. Consideration and action to approve 1) the Purchase of four (4) 2023 International HV507 Trucks with equipment from Rush Truck Centers, in the amount of \$687,417.17, using the State of Illinois Contract (# 19-416-CMS-BOSS4-P-8607, exp. 7/31/2022) and; 2) Authorization to Dispose of the replaced units by public auction, as requested by the Public Works Department and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchases and Disposal be approved.)

Item 7.E. Consideration to approve the Purchase between the City of Bloomington and Game Time for the Miller Park Playground ground covering resurfacing, utilizing the Omnia Partners joint cooperative 2017001134 (exp. 6/30/2022) in the amount of \$177,212.25, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)

Item 7.F. Consideration and action to approve an Agreement with Gildner, Inc., for the FY22 Pavement Patching Program (Bid #2022-20), in the amount of \$391,787.61, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 7.G. Consideration and action to approve a Contract with Stanley Consultants, Inc., for design services associated with the Meadowbrook Subdivision Improvement Project, in the amount not to exceed \$619,710, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 7.H. Consideration and action on a Resolution Approving a FY2022 John M. Scott Health Care Emergent Need Grant Award and Programmatic Agreement in the Amount of \$1,000, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

Item 7.I. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Energy Supply Contracts, as requested by the Facilities Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

Item 7.J. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving the Vacation of a Portion of No Access Strips in Harvest Pointe Subdivision 2nd Addition, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Item 7.K. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Amending Bloomington City Code Chapter 17 Regarding Mandatory Certifications, as requested by the Fire Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

Item 7.L. Consideration and action to approve an Application from G-Cubed, Inc., d/b/a Schooner's, located at 810 E. Grove St., requesting a change in ownership for their Class RAS (Restaurant, All Type of Alcohol, Package and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.M. Consideration and action to approve an Application from Lil Beaver Brewery, LLC, located at 16 Currency Dr., Unit 2, requesting a change in Liquor License classification from a Class TBPS (Tavern, Beer and Wine Only, Package and Sunday Sales) to a Class TAPS (Tavern, All Type of Alcohol, Package and Sunday Sales), as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed License be approved.)

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Presentation of the FY2023 Proposed Budget, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager Gleason informed Council that the Fiscal Year 2023 ("FY23") formal budget consideration would appear on the April 11, 2022 Council agenda. He complimented the transparency of the budget process and noted videos available on the City's website that explained the budget process.

Scott Rathbun, Director of Finance, addressed Council. He explained that his presentation was the formal budget presentation required by statute. He presented the overall FY23 budget, comparing growth over the past eight years and emphasizing key changes. He discussed tax revenue, general fund revenue, and expenses in detail, and then provided multiple factors of variances in revenues and expenditures. Mr. Rathbun highlighted key points of interest and reviewed capital improvement projects. He concluded with a list of funds and what each paid. He then discussed capital projects and City services provided.

Mayor Mwilambwe expressed appreciation for the presentation slide that compared City services.

City Manager Gleason expressed appreciation for the feedback received. He commented to the vast number of City services that Bloomington offered.

Council Member Boelen expressed her appreciation of staff's work.

Council Member Montney expressed interest in additional data on expense trends. She noted significant inflation on gas prices and proposed that Council consider reducing sales tax to provide relief to citizens.

Council Member Crabill noted that a significant portion of the budget increase corresponded to non-recurring expenses such as the American Rescue Plan act ("ARPA")

funds and the expansion of the Information Technology Department. Council Member Crabill and Mr. Rathbun then discussed funds actually being spent and how deferred capital projects had contributed. They also highlighted vacancy savings and the desire for the Fire and Police Departments to become fully staffed.

Council Members Boelen, Crabill, and Montney discussed the \$7 million structural deficit from years ago and how the Budget Review Taskforce recommendation had been to increase taxes. Council Member Boelen noted that an additional tax was requested and approved for the McLean County Mental Health program at the same time.

The following item was presented:

Item 8.B. Presentation of the City's 2021 Accomplishments, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Gleason addressed Council. He thanked Katherine Murphy, Communications Manager, for her work to create a short video discussing the City's 2021 accomplishments. He explained the significance of the video and noted that while it shortened the presentation time, it provided a bigger impact.

Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, stressed the significance of the accomplishments, especially during a pandemic.

The 2021 Accomplishment Video was played and would be housed on the City's website.

City Manager Gleason expressed his appreciation of Council and City staff.

Mayor Mwilambwe echoed appreciation and looked forward to additional accomplishments.

Council Member Becker stated that often the negative was recognized more than the positive. He stressed the importance of the Council's continued bi-partisan representation and encouraged Council, staff, and the community to work together towards another successful year.

Council Member Urban reminded the community that Council continued many discussions behind the scenes to further community requests and encouraged the community to continue to communicate with their requests to their Council Members.

Council Member Boelen and Mayor Mwilambwe thanked the Information Technology Department staff for their work to pivot with creative solutions to ensure Council and staff could continue to work.

Council Member Crumpler thanked City staff for aiding him in understanding how the City worked in order to best represent his constituents as a new Council Member.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed upcoming Downtown events. He recognized new City staff members and reported that the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting would be cancelled due to no agenda items. He recognized the Human Resources Department for their recruitment efforts and announced that 2022 Outdoor Dining applications would be available by Friday.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe thanked City staff who dealt with the tragic situation of the deaths associated to a recent domestic violence incident in the community. He reminded residents of multiple resources available for mental health. He moved on to note he had received multiple requests to end the City's relationship with our Russian Sister City, Vladimir, in light of the current struggles in the Ukraine. He explained that he did not intend to sever that relationship and believed that the conflict was within the Russian government and not Russian citizens, many of whom expressed opposition to the war. He hoped a cease fire was close. Mayor Mwilambwe then reported on a recent One Voice Conference that he and Council Member Mathy had attended. He discussed a meeting with Development Counsellors Incorporated ("DCI"), on community branding efforts.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Crabill reminded business owners that the Outdoor Dining permits required areas to be ADA compliant. He requested that staff work with any establishments who had ADA violations in prior years to proactively provide aid.

Council Member Ward reported on additional gun violence incidents. She stressed the need for a special commission to combat gun violence.

Council Member Emig supported the Mayor's sentiment to not sever the ties with the Sister City and believed it contributed to lasting peace. She acknowledged the passing of Willie Brown, a servant leader in the community.

Council Member Boelen was sympathetic to violence and listed multiple organizations with highly trained professionals that would be better equipped to aid individuals inclined to violence. She recommended an increase in advertisement of said programs and the purpose of each.

Council Member Becker supported strengthening families and discussed the Fatherhood Coalition program through Children's Home and Aid that helped fathers in the community to prevent children falling into crime. He urged the community to become more involved in similar organizations.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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ATTEST

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Amanda Stuten, Deputy City Clerk

